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1. The Director called on Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Smart, Chief Clerk of the Committee, and Mr. Pforzheimer were present. In the course of the conversation, Chairman Vinson indicated that he proposed to set up a special group consisting of himself and Congressmen Brooks (D., La.), Kilday (D., Tex.), Short (R., Mo.), Arends (R., Ill.), and Cole (R., N.Y.), and invite the Director up to discuss CIA with them. The Chairman indicated that he felt this was important in order to protect CIA, particularly on the Floor in case any questions arose. The Director expressed his complete concurrence with this possibility. Chairman Vinson did not appear to take kindly to certain proposals of Senator Mansfield, but felt CIA was a product of the Armed Services Committees and should so remain. The DCI discussed the necessity for a CIA building and the Chairman felt that we should secure it directly under our present authorization and through direct appropriation. There was a general discussion regarding certain sore spots in the Far East -- Indochina, Indonesia, Japan and Burma -- and the Chairman also questioned regarding Pakistan.

2. A memorandum has been handed to me concerning possible Communist activities of a CIA employee while the later was in college. This memorandum has been forwarded to Mr. Bannerman and Col. Edwards on an Eyes Only basis.

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